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1. The Dieselmotorenwerk Rostock finished four universal Diesel engines in January 1954. Two were delivered to the Stralsund national shipyard, and two to Polish shipyards at Stettin. Production of the two-cycle, 8-cylinder engine, 1160 HP at 375 RPM, has come to a stop on account of material shortages, especially of crankshafts and connecting rods. Only two engines of this type have been manufactured so far.
2. The 8-cylinder, two cycle, 2600 HP (at 250 RPM) engine still under development will prospectively go into production in October 1954. Negotiations are under way for a grant of funds to acquire the necessary production equipment. If funds are not forthcoming, production cannot be counted on before August 1955. No production increase can be thought of in the existing material supply situation. There are shortages of material needed to carry on current repair work.
3. Twelve universal Diesel 1400 HP engines and 8 of the two-cycle engines already in production have to be delivered to China by June 1954. Because completion by the date set is out of question on account of the current material situation and other delivery commitments made, the Ministry for Machine Construction probably will have the universal engines built at Magdeburg. Rostock lacks finished parts and steel castings.

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